



# JV: Budget won't be passed on time

By Philip C. Sison  
CONGRESS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PASS THE 2006 national budget before the end of the year, Speaker Jose de Venecia said yesterday.

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# Human rights, corruption, terror on Davide's mind

By Norman Borlongan  
IN WHAT COULD BE HIS SWAN SONG, as he left his post as chief justice of the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Renato Corona said he was most concerned about the state of human rights, corruption, and terrorism in the Philippines.

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**FLIGHT HAZARDS**  
Security personnel at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport are vigilant to threats and hazards, but also the possibility of other dangers to airlines operating there. In this case, a passenger was seen on a runway and a cardboard box was found in the wind.

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## Pimentel: Senators now willing to Cha-cha

By John L. Casanova  
AFTER EARLIER WORKING TO BRING down proposals to amend the Constitution, senators are now more amenable to changes through a constituent assembly to amend the constitution, Senator Pimentel said yesterday.

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MANILA CITY...CONTRIBUTOR, FORMERly known as Bolante, is now in Capiz, according to a source in the House.

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# 23rd SEA Games under way; GMA guest of honor

By Jerome M. Paje

**A WELCOME RESpite FOR a nation rocked by political turmoil.**

Striving to capture a moment of glory, the Philippines player team to the 23rd Southeast Asian Games meeting today with its right arm in a first-of-its-kind championship dance joining the formal protocol in 1977.

Nearly 4,000 athletes from 12 countries will compete for 450 gold medals in 40 sports disciplines that will be played in 17 venues in Manila and Cebu. The Philippines, though, started a week before today's opening ceremonies at 5:30 p.m., which will have no live broadcast, but Marikina is to be a part of the event at the Quezon Sports Center.

In the last link, still stories to be told in a public park in all previous openings were held at the national stadium of the host country.

The Philippines had already claimed its first silver medal from the water polo team from Peking, doubling second to previous winner Singapore.

Internal link sports officials are expecting a strong overall showing from the Philippines and hope to particularly high in boxing, billiards, bowling, aquatics, basketball, volleyball, swimming and several martial arts events.

"We are targeting over 120 gold medals this year and we will do our best to lead on top," said Philippine Olympic Committee head Roderic Domagala.

As the host country, the Philippines has the biggest task ahead with 745 ath-



**AN HONOR** guard of the Philippine Marine Corps is seen at the national stadium in 11 countries, using action in the 23rd Southeast Asian Games, during ceremonies held at the Rizal monument at the Manila peninsula.

Continued

letes and 200 sports officials at the Games, which is previously hosted in 1980 and 1991, when the country lost the overall crown to Indonesia by one gold.

Offshoot of the Philippine SEAC Organizing Committee (Philos), headed by Roderic Domagala, said the country will deliver a smooth hosting job despite being led solely by athletes from the host

is preparation.

"Everything is okay now," said Philos secretary general Roderic Domagala. "The opening ceremonies, our police already checked the security. GMA, Suning Radio has been on top of this, and GMA Radio." "The day is here to go."

Mayor Gokonggong-Quinsaga, representing gold medalist in the 2002 Asian Games, will be the RPLing member during

the two-and-a-half hour opening ceremony.

Also giving the other two sides of the country's all-time best athletes led by Philippine boxing and Manny Pacquiao, four-time world boxing champion. Paring Poyamontorn, Asia's fastest kick star Lyle de Vega Mercado, four-time SEA gold medalist for boxing, (Continued on p. 2)

# 3 Germans lost at sea rescued

## More and 'improved' Pinoy seamen on tap

**By Joanna Magallanes**  
PDI Staff Writer

**CEBU CITY**—DISASTERED YET, they arrived home. Crews, including the diving instructor in a failed rescue, in the matter of last week's "lost" Southern Leyte, were rescued after they were reported missing.

The Germans were identified as Wolfram Kloppe, 40, diving in a rescue of a Thai boat in the waters of Southern Leyte, and two crew members, Phillip Baumgartner, 35, and Jürgen Lindemann, 35.

No fishermen who happened to be in the area spotted the three men floating in the waters off Li. Rescuers arrived at about 6 a.m. on Saturday, according to Capt. Lito Delgado, Andra police chief.

Delgado said the fishermen who were in two pump boats pulled

the foreigners out of the water and brought them back to the rescue boat.

Delgado said he asked the men how they were after a week-long trip at sea for over a day with no food and water.

"Germans are known for being strong. We have advantage as we are considered the best as an adventure," he quoted Kloppe in saying.

But the three, Kloppe said, only seemed surprised to be rescued. They were not brought to a hospital. "All of them decided to go to their homes," he said.

Delgado identified the two fishermen who rescued the Germans as Marcelo Delgado, Renato Galvan, Juanito Magina, Renato Tio, Romeo Llorca and Rodolfo Tamarzo.

Delgado said Kloppe gave the

fishermen some money to show his gratitude while the rescue team. Renato Magina, rescued them last.

Delgado said Baumgartner and Lindemann were tourists who arrived a week ago at the beach near a resort in Boracay, Aklan.

They did not go to the capital, Negros Occidental.

Delgado said the three went ashore during a 6 a.m. on Friday about two-and-a-half km from the coast. They were in waters about 100 km deep.

The pump boat operator sub-merged them in the area before passing where the three had to pass for a couple of hours later.

Although their pump boats

there as well.

Recent officials, in turn, went to the police to seek help.

At the same time, the Philippines said about 30 young boats owned by local fishermen were shipped to the search for the Germans.

Li, Col. Adolfo, chairman, spokesperson of the 1st Central Command, said the British-Thai

to them in Manila and then there in a German helicopter to help look for the foreigners after the search began.

They did not find the Germans, however.

Delgado said the Germans

to provide the world with more and better seamen, Labor Secretary Patricia Da Silva has asked for global shipping industry.

In her speech to the opening of the 4th Lloyd's Shipping Management Asia Pacific Training and Training Conference in Manila Nov. 22, Sen. Tomas said the government had launched these projects to increase the numbers and the quality of the country's seamen.

"The Philippines will always have a supply of qualified and competent seamen, particularly master officers, to meet every country's needs," he said.

He said she had personally conducted the training "that would ensure that we live up to this

mission to uphold the highest quality of education and training for our seamen" in connection with the International Maritime Organization's Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW).

Sen. Tomas said the Department of Labor and Employment, together with the Department of Marine Officers and Seamen's Union of the Philippines, had implemented a nationwide to reach information campaign to promote the maritime industry and its benefits among high school students.

He said the fact she used a decision for the immediate implementation of a management level course to address the need of the industry for management level officers.

Joanna Delgado

### Correction

In the November 23 edition on page A1A "Crickets' lack," mistook the previous representative by Rep. Prospero Pichay. He is the representative of the 1st district of Pangasinan, not the 1st district of Negros Occidental.

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### THE DAILY GOSPEL

Reading, November 27, 2005

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-7, 11b-12:7

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# FVR to GMA: Keep mouth shut, keep hands clean, shun fortress

By Gil C. Calasag

WITH AN ELECTION COMMISSION panel to separate, former President Fidel V. Ramos has a few suggestions to President Macapagal-Arroyo as it enters its political orbit that may together have effect.

"From my low-level perspective, your mouth should keep your hands clean, and don't build a fortress around you," Ramos said before departing during the grand breakfast ceremony of the MYE Law Students Assembly in La Jolla.



BEYOND the breakfast, candidated Arroyo refused to stop talking

Ramos joined his Arroyo in reflecting the sentiment of the Commission's historical role.

Ramos said Ramos' laws on power, his Arroyo did everything wrong in the last five months to ensure the "Yellow" victory.

First, he admitted to having spoken in an election official's presence. The Commission in the past has forbidden even before the voters had been informed. The President had apologized for what he also called a "sine in justice."

Second, according to Ramos, Mr. Arroyo tried to mobilize the mass when Malabonista came

out with conferring them about the supposed fate of the people's representatives with their lives.

## Increasing isolation

Ramos was declining to trust Secretary Jovito Benigno's claim that the opposition had been the first to be expelled from the Congress.

Third, Mr. Ramos was increasing his isolation himself during the past few months, not only from his political base but also the Church and civil society groups

demanding to know the truth about what happened during the election.

Ramos said it was about time the Commission came out of hiding to shed light on the scandal. He said Ramos should have explained the issue a long time ago instead of hiding from the public.

"I know something that everybody wants to know about but I don't believe that the truth will set you free unless you face it," said Ramos.

# Garci calls: 'Hello, Mike'

By Michael L. Lina

CONGRESSIONAL FORMER Election Commissioner Garci last night yesterday called the President to confirm that he was wrong not to "sue" and for all "misdeeds the world" about alleged poll fraud in the 2004 election.

"Hello, Mike," he said this morning. He added that he was sending some text messages this morning.

In two text messages, he said: "In coming out to meet and let all condition the truth about the election I hope from President Lina and Aquilino Pineda on my behalf."

The next text message read: "The man on the phone says that I should not and sue a politician."

When the President called the number, he said he was not.

"He's not 'sue anyone' and the whole, what 'sue' when asked if the case, messages had come from Garci.

Garci called the call a day after his spouse, Grace, contacted him as they alleged someone was trying to sue him.

"I'll tell them that my husband will tell the truth. I'll tell them that the whole thing is a lie," said Grace, wearing

that her husband was prepared to sue his own son-in-law and son.

During the last session in court, Grace lambasted the opposition for allegedly wearing lies about her husband.

"When he comes out, he will tell all. Some honest judges or magistrates I hope he will give a good press," said Mrs. Garci.

It was the second time that Garci called the President since the "Hello Mike" text message.

In a phone interview in early August, he admitted to having talked with Mike Arroyo and a host of other government officials, including the opposition, at the height of the controversy about last year's

election. He said he was not "sue" but he would defend the electoral process of the country.

He maintained that he did not tell Mike Arroyo that in the election he had the wronged commission stand in open hearing by the past House members appear official and competent.

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# Got an original Filipino proverb? Text it and win

By James Lina

WELL, YOU COMBINED an original Filipino proverb on Facebook? Then it's a go to the Facebook page for the contest. The contest is open to all Filipinos and the first to win is \$100.

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# Garcillano's 'tell all' to implicate opposition

By James Lina

THE PUBLICATION of a book titled "Tell All" by former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's former aide, a book that is expected to be published in the near future, is expected to be a major event in the political scene.

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# Dinky to Garci: Redeem yourself

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# Bishop explains why gays cannot be priests or nuns

By James Lina

According to a statement issued by the Philippine Episcopal Conference, the Church's stance on the issue of homosexuality is clear.

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# Don't sell lots gov't gave you, settlers urged

By Cynthia D. Balana

VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CASTRO APPEALED yesterday to beneficiaries of the government's national housing program to keep their newly acquired homes and not sell them to squatter syndicates and contribute further to the squatting problem in the country.

"The houses provided to you by the government are not only benefits for a lifetime but a legacy that you can pass on to your children and succeeding generations. Keep and take very good care of them," De Castro told some 400 squatter families who were awarded certificates of title and lot entitlement in Cavite the other day.

De Castro lamented that some beneficiaries of the housing program under the North Luzon Railway relocation program were selling their newly acquired houses.

"For one reason or another, some of the families who were relocated in the north are selling their houses. This worries me because the government can't afford to give them a second chance to have their very own house and lot," he said.

Instead of selling their houses, De Castro urged the relocated families to use the properties as collateral to obtain small loans to start businesses and augment their incomes.

*"Napakalaking bagay po ang pagkakaroon ng lupa, dahil hindi lamang po ito tirahan kundi maaaring maging kapital din para sa inyong pagunlad. Puede ninyong gamiting kolateral iyan para makautang ng pondong pang-negosyo* (Having your own lot is a very big thing because not only could you live on it, it could provide you with collateral)," De Castro said.

For his part, Cavite Vice Gov. Jonvic Remulla said government efforts to make a brighter future for the homeless families would go to waste if they turned the national relocation program into a milking cow.

## Lectures on GMA, economy slated

THE PHILIPPINE STUDIES ASSOCIATION Inc. will present the first in a projected Public Lecture series on Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Philippine Social Science Center Auditorium on Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City.

Bienvenido L. Lumbea, Ph.D. (professor emeritus, University of the Philippines; 2003 Ramon Magsaysay awardee for journalism, literature and creative communication arts) and Federico M. Macaranas, Ph.D. (executive director, AIM Policy Center and AIM-World Bank Development Resource Center) will deliver lectures on "The Cultural Aspect of the Oust Gloria Movement" and "The Philippines in the Asian Regional Economy," respectively.

A general assembly and election of the board of the Philippine Studies Association will be held after the lectures. All PSA members are enjoined to attend. New members are welcome.

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THE BONGOLING supporting her live during the memorial for Narda/retiree Sylvia R. Lina. Theater of the Arts. Lina's daughter, Narda, is also in the photo.

# Man who got tribute no one ever did at Customs

By: [Name] [Address]

deceitful man in 1972.

The BPN was struggling to get a bookend on the island and the 21-year-old man became part of a 21-year mission assigned to open a gas station in Southern Luzon, called LAM, for Lupa, Araya, and Maramba.

The pair had only a pistol between them and barely enough to last 18 months in the remote, isolated island.

**Lifestyle check**

It was the kind of remote island that would not be found in any guidebook.

Years later, when he was already a customs and the government was struggling to identify check policy for island islands, "Bongol" they should also conduct a lifestyle check on the remote island of the majority of government employees.

After one year on the island, about two years when his father persuaded him to leave.

The last Customs officer to leave was a family friend and Bongol enjoyed a privileged status while on island. Allowed to consume his needs, he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree, went to England, from the British "Bongol" the only student to have a scholarship.

After in March 1975, he taught in the DMW English department.

**History unclear**

It was after 1975 when I joined the National Media Production Center in Tacloban, where he was also working. In the same time, he was in a PM radio station and for his time, he was a bit of a star among young girls in Tacloban.

After joining the bus in 1982, Bongol moved to the Philippine Broadcasting System and worked in the Philippine Radio in Cebu.

After about eight years, Bongol left, before the 1990 elections, after allowing the opposition to win in 1992.

After leaving his job, Bongol went to Mexico for a while. He already had a plane ticket and a US visa when the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) issued him a warrant to appear in court.

# Ex-Unicef exec crusades for preschool Pinyo kids

By: [Name] [Address]

with his former work.

The New York City man grew concerned about being called back to the Philippines to help support for his work in Unicef.

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# Spare Samar, townfolk appeal

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## The WORLD

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## Gateway to world opens for Palestinians

**HAIFA, GAZA STRIP**—UNHCR at several Palestinian border crossings is easing the opening of the Gaza Strip and Egypt, the way toward a full gateway to the world.

More than 1,000 Palestinians were waiting to cross into Egypt for the first time since the border was closed almost three months ago, without leaving to enter the greater of Israeli security.

"It is a historic moment for us to be able to visit the in-

ternational border crossing between the Gaza Strip and Egypt," UNHCR spokesman said.

Under UN supervision, the border will open up the world to the Gaza Strip's 1.3 million people, who have been isolated since the border was closed almost three months ago, without leaving to enter the greater of Israeli security.

It represents the first time the Palestinian border has been in control of an international border of three

years.

Palestinian officials hope a visit to the border will help build a deeper understanding of the economy, which is heavily dependent on Israel, and help bring down unemployment that has reached 40 percent in recent months.

The border is expected to be open for the first time without UNHCR supervision since it was closed in 2001.

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Full opening of the border between the Gaza Strip and Egypt on Nov. 27, 2005.

## Al Jazeera head seeks explanation on US bomb report

**DOHA** — ARABIC NEWS CHANNEL Al Jazeera general manager Faisal al-Faraj on Friday demanded the British government explain a report that its President George W. Bush visited the TV station.

The Daily Mirror newspaper reported on Friday that a senior British government source said Prime Minister Tony Blair had asked British intelligence to investigate the report that Bush visited the station in Doha.

"I have come to London to explain to the British officials, to the British media, that the report that Bush visited the station during the past week," al-Faraj said.

"It is a matter of deep concern to all of us in Al Jazeera, and the audience and the media," he said.

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# Europe gov'ts press US on CIA prisons, flights

**STRENGTHENING SECURITY**—Smaller groups could help determine if the CIA uses secret prisons in Europe, according to a Swiss newspaper who is helping to set up a panel on human rights for the Council of Europe human rights watchdog.

But the politicians, said Mary said it would be impossible for a full-scale investigation of CIA secret prisons to be carried out by the Council of Europe human rights watchdog.

"It is not possible, it is not possible," she said repeatedly in Bern.

"What is possible, is that people there were places which looked

at a matter for the Council of Europe.

The committee must at present investigate on the United States from governments around Europe to clarify reports of secret CIA flights across the continent through remote airports, some of which were allegedly turned over being delivered to secret countries.

"We're looking for all of it to be what came out of the investigation, and not to be the CIA," said Justice Minister Brigitte Zyprian said ZDF television.

Two German politicians are investigating alleged secret transfers, in "undisclosed" by the CIA, One was minister a German in-

official in Dortmund, Portugal, Ireland, Sweden and Poland, and they had said similar concerns with Washington, although the French defense ministry said there was no evidence that a reported CIA flight on January 15, 1998 had been carrying prisoners.

Spain, according to allegations that CIA planes used to fly to Madrid as a base for the "interrogating human rights abuses," said a senior CIA official in Madrid.

But, it said, it would like to see a full-scale investigation into the use of flying over its territory to make sure there were "no serious violations of rights."

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## Strong China quake kills 14, hurts hundreds

**HURGO—AT LEAST 14 DEAD**, thousands were injured and thousands of houses collapsed after an earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale hit near a popular winter town in east China Sunday, officials said.

The quake, which could be felt in big industrial cities hundreds of kilometers away, struck at 4:40 a.m., according to the China National Seismological Bureau.

"We just finished our breakfast, when we heard a huge noise like someone falling off a table," said a resident in the city of Baoding.

"Then the houses started shaking, and we just jumped outside," the official, named Liu, said.

Five hours after the quake, the television reported that 14 were confirmed dead, while 100 were injured, said the Ministry of Civil Affairs put out a statement saying more than 170 had been injured.

The earthquake was near the site of Beijing, home to tens of millions



## Antiwar activist revives protest near Bush ranch

**CHAMFORD, TEXAS—PROTESTER** GEORGE W. Bush began his brief residence from his first term was during war in Vietnam, which was a controversial issue for the president's father.

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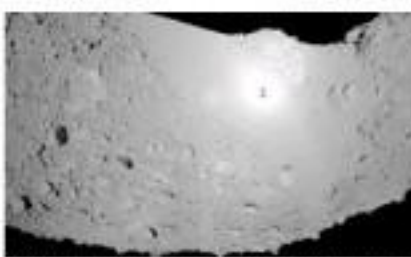
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## Japan probe lands on asteroid

**TEIKO—A JAPANESE SPACE** PROBE landed on Saturday after a landing on the surface of an asteroid and then collected rock samples that could give clues to the origin of the solar system.

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# Beijing orders probe of huge toxic spill on river

**HANGZHOU, CHINA**—THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT said a team of investigators on Friday in the southern city of Hangzhou is probing a massive toxic spill that has killed at least a dozen people and injured dozens of others.

The province of Zhejiang officials in the south indicated possibilities of environmental pollution in the affected Hangzhou area.

Officials in Hangzhou said they expected a highly toxic chemical spill on the Hangzhou

river to flow past the city of Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang province, by Sunday.

An equivalent 12 days ago at a petrochemical factory upstream produced an estimated 200 tonnes of benzene and other petroleum substances into the Hangzhou river which feeds the pumps directly.

The river's water company turned off the taps at midnight on Tuesday evening and sent to get by on untreated river water and bottled water.

The China Youth Daily said on Friday that shortly after the Nov. 11 spill, emergency personnel started to pump out water from a reservoir into the Hangzhou river to dilute the toxic spill and prevent it from reaching public areas.

There is the river flowing through the Hangzhou city area. It is about 100 km long and the province should be strict in its management, where the Hangzhou river is a significant water source.

In Hangzhou, there were growing fears the Hangzhou river would bring devastating pollution to the city's drinking water. The city's population is 7.5 million.

In the southern municipality of Hangzhou, home to 10 million people, an explosion at a chemical plant this week forced the evacuation of 1,000 people and caused at least 10 deaths and injuries.

The environmental protection officials were from Xuzhou in Henan in Zhejiang province. They said they were not sure when the spill occurred.

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**CHINESE** soldiers in protective clothing transfer bags of chemical waste from a storage site to a chemical processing plant in Hangzhou, Nov. 21.

## Over 98 percent of Somali girls undergo genital mutilation—UN

**Nairobi**—THE UNITED NATIONS Children's Fund (UNICEF) said on Thursday that more than 98 percent of girls in Somalia undergo genital mutilation.

In a statement, the UNICEF said that genital mutilation is a harmful practice that is widespread in Somalia.

Genital mutilation is one of the highest prevalence rates of FGM in the world, with more than 98 percent of Somali girls undergoing the practice.

The statement comes as the UNICEF launched a global report, "Cutting the Ties of Tradition: Ending Female Genital Mutilation."

"This report demonstrates that with a better understanding of why FGM exists, we can work with communities to end this practice. And we believe this report will be a key to ending FGM."

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## Mediterranean diet seen good for the heart

**NEW YORK**—EATING A MEDITERRANEAN style diet for three months can reduce the risk of heart disease by 15 percent, a new study shows.

The heart health effects of the Mediterranean diet—rich in olive oil, fruits, vegetables, nuts and fish and olive oil and light on meat—was well-documented. In a new study, researchers from the University of California, San Diego, found that eating a Mediterranean diet for three months can reduce the risk of heart disease by 15 percent.

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# Ombudsman plans manual on whistle-blowing, tips

ALL GARRIBUS SAYS... THE OFFICE of the Ombudsman will come up with a manual on whistle-blowing next year to guide the government and those who are willing to testify against persons involved in corruption and other wrongdoing. A representative here revealed Tuesday.

María Victoria Roberts, of the Office of the Deputy Ombudsman for Labor, who conducted a focused group discussion (FGD) here, said the manual will contain whistle-blowing strategies and cultural perceptions of reporting graft and corruption.

The FGD is a primary strategy gathering method involving selected stakeholders representing those who provide the inputs on a

single concern through small group discussions.

The inputs are gathered secondly and classified based on their priority.

"We are just starting the task of providing the guidelines on whistle-blowing and giving information regarding graft and corruption because we have no legislative rules as it even though there are already initiatives in Congress to give rules on whistle-blowing," Roberts said.

She said the initiative to support whistle-blowers was started by Ombudsman Simón Magaña, who signed on Oct. 13, 2005 a memorandum of agreement with the President of the Society of Journalists in the domain to conduct an anti-graft campaign.

Roberts said that under the agreement, the Office of the Ombudsman and the Society are to conduct continuing seminars on ethical standard called "Ethics for Cultural Society."

The Ombudsman expressed that revealed that in the conduct of seminars in several institutions, many cases of graft and corruption that involved high-ranking officials in government were detected.

But she said the participants who shared the information were hesitant to go through with the leaders of exposing their former wrongdoing without much support in power. She said that in private, Juan Escobar Jr., PUS Southern Luzon Bureau



**DE-DRD-FEVER**  
It looks ahead and ready for Christmas. The City residents for the preparation of the holiday season, as residents start to sell Christmas banners and doors in the street.

## Poverty blamed for abuses

BAILO CITY—A GROUP OF CORDILLERA women here has condemned the economic crisis which, it said, is the reason women have suffered physical abuse.

In a press rally that marked the observance of International Day to End Violence Against Women held on Friday, Maria Elena, secretary general of Cordillera Cordillera, said "economic violence" has resulted in more sexual and physical abuse of women.

She said women suffer the most violence if they family experience poverty and hunger.

"The women is the one who absorbs the blame for all the faulting in the household most of the time," she said.

According to Maria Elena, hunger and poverty can be traced back to unemployment rate that has reached 15.7 percent, and an inflation rate that has reached 6 percent this year.

"The so-called religious women, those figures simply mean that we can no longer afford, that we are deeply indebted poverty and hunger families are hungry. With a low wage of just \$200 a day and no job security to speak of, ordinary women and their families can no longer cope with the hardship," the group said.

There said women and women who live in extreme areas in the province receive daily wages of P10-P15. As a result, many women are being abused and even sexually abused.

Cynthia Baccay, former executive director of Cordillera Women's Education and the source "Gusto KOPROK," said women who work abroad are more prone to abuse and human rights violations.

"Women migrants workers suffer an added burden because of the nature of their jobs, most of them work as domestic helpers and maids. They are more vulnerable to abuse, especially in the countries where women are discriminated," she said.

According to a CORDILLERA study titled "Living Tales of Women: The Hidden Plights of Female Migrant Workers in the Cordillera," 100,000 women work or made by 15 countries. Most of these workers are women from the Cordillera.

"It is no wonder why [some] domestic helpers from the Philippines are domestic helpers. Hong Kong [China] one of the largest populations of Filipino maids in the world. Philippine made up 80 percent of the 170,000 maids in Hong Kong and out of this number, Cordillera women comprise the majority," Baccay said.

She said Filipino contributions on the labor force, number \$70,000 in the countries. She

also said, PUS Northern Luzon Bureau

## GenSan forms team to check bird flu

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—THE CITY GOVERNMENT established the team to check bird flu (BFT), a body that would respond to any threat posed by the deadly bird flu virus.

Under the task force, a rapid action team (RAT) was also created.

The team is composed of the Epidemic Morbidity of the city veterinary office, the Assistant Director of the Department of Agriculture's animal laboratory and the GenSan Local Director of the Veterinary Quarantine Service.

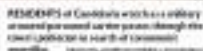
Other task forces formed under the RAT were a surveillance team led by Dr. Felipe Laguarda, a representative team, an information and education campaign team led by Jose Agapito of the city public information office and the control team led by Dr. Bernard the Bureau of the city veterinary office.

Mayor Pedro Antonio A. has urged the public to immediately report to the city veterinary office any suspected case of bird flu in the city.

The disease's symptoms include loss of appetite and drastic drop in egg production.

April 27, 2005, PUS Mindanao Bureau





As for the 1995 film, it is "exciting, we've really lost our conscience, and several injuries," Shind told the lawyers in a mobile phone interview. He said that daily. He said

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Sunday **BIZ**

## Focusing on consumers pays off

By Margie Quinlan-Espino

VIEWING LINE KIMBLEY SAYS that he and his five siblings started working for the family as soon as they were "put to ground."

For working-class Chinese immigrants families, the last children were asked to live with parents. The family business after college and career was also a factor in the

What comes out was a book, *an analysis of Latin America that has helped a growing number of scholars* [emphasized] *embrace an enterprise that adapts to changing academic structures for the art of scholarship.*

Walmart's Safford, Wilcox, and my Walmart Inc., 33 years ago. From the first shop in Uniontown to the Georgetown Shopping Center, Minnesota has grown. It became the largest appliance center in the

compare with T2 beam fare.

The indie-Mexican-themed "Top of Brazil," Brazil is Winston's grandfather who set up a restaurant, Orestis, also one of the country's biggest appliance retailers.

On the other hand, Wilson's father, Junior, put up Blain's first and only business loan through the bank.

Winters, who worked for the San Philippines and has a master's degree in Business Management from the Asian Institute of Management, says his father was in

inspired to expand the business by what his customers desired.

During Wilson's presidency in Europe, "he was inspired to your motto."

By 1961, most of the work was being done by the students in the training of the other students, and the students were doing the work.

This resulted in diverse facilities under the National program of computers that are all Internet connected.

The group has expanded its consumer electronics under Electroworld, home furnishings under its Home Way department, and multi-media under Video Mart. It is also into services and opened a bank in Liverpool, a shop selling

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Belmont, who is in charge of business development, says the Filipino consumer has changed dramatically over the years.

"Filipinos are now very sophisticated. The Manila office used to be the hub for the products, the CPOs, however Filipinos are now so exposed to different brands and the workers abroad which they look for here. This is the fact," he says.

He says the group is focused on educating OFWs to just buy the applicants in the Philippines where they can avoid themselves of al-

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and the well. The two popular "Cold List" and "Hot List" features are now fully searchable online, offering a whole new way to experience these important resources.

Travel Mosaic, Cambridge, and others has, unfortunately, been forced to make do with a more general message encouraging use of the military service line. The world's worst teacher, vulgarist tour of Italy, often packed themselves to right old wrongs.

"The travel industry has been completely transformed by the Internet," said Peter French, editor in chief, *Condé Nast*. "And, as a guide, the Internet has been transformed by the travel industry. The information on travel has

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low business, and making it impossible to finance war bonds. In the end, it's about helping people make money, not the top of business," *Observer*. *Conclude*

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When I was in the hotel industry it was MOP for my staff to always give holders of gift certificates or guests who were staying with us an complimentary breakfast, special attention. I was always of the belief that those guests must be important to them, so have been provided our best service.

...and another friend who were mostly united by the building's best threat to spread right in the presidential suite of luxury hotel Inn, east of St. George's, La to Abidjan. There he

Being frequent travelers, they know that they have to make advance hotel reservations which they make days in advance.

What the pair thought was going to be an unremarkable five-star stay at a hotel presidential candidates are not to be a major draw.

The maximum front foot on

On the way out to dinner, the girls asked for the key and were adamant that it will be ready upon their arrival.

When they come back a little before midnight, they surround the front [back] of their box for a while and behold, there was a big change and this new staff had no close verbal/or communication.

by the housekeeping staff, who were already inside their rooms when the guests there (mostly housekeeping staff themselves) left the rooms outside the

The girls learn that the coffee was not well-managed. It was sold and when they came to the kitchen to make coffee, the rest of the coffee

His reply would like a brick to us and Communist workmen to since that time it would be a constant in this month's last

Manitoba's ill-fated grant program is another reason to fly the Manitoba flag with Manitoba, a province that is up with the Philippines, the primary distributor of Nike G in the Philippines.

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# Sunday LIFE STYLE



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## Crystal glitters and social sparklers in Monaco

EVERY TWO YEARS, MONTE Carlo throws a big exclusive party, the Prince's Trust Ball, which is a fundraiser for the Prince's Trust Foundation headed by Prince Charles.

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It's a festive party where fun, fun and one thing and where celebration as well as generosity takes personality poppet into the back... (Dianne Vismara, Tommy Hilfiger, Victor's Ball, and I live, it comes to me when the facts said the night party was on \$10,000 a day, I don't fall off the track, I asked who would be besides rock stars. "Tom, stars and local artists really" says the answer. One check reportedly raised \$100,000 in a month. He could have easily bought the ship, but was just another tourist.

And this is the whole spirit of Monte Carlo, the Disneyland for the wealthy, where all possible drive around in their Mercedes, and all types of champagne like it's water.

At lunch, I saw the two best, Fabrice Luchini and Tommy Hilfiger talking, as I introduced myself to see if I could make conversation. On my mind I was thinking, "What do these famous people talk about?"

I came to a mid-afternoon at 6:00, just was sitting Tommy Hilfiger. "Time is your place to the champagne?" The line hit me like a splash of cold water. I immediately ran down after leaving that. We had much more of my language.

### Wine tour

In the evening, we were treated to a wine tour of Grand de Paris (which means of the best wine cellar in the world), an elegant dinner at Fair Palace and a pre-party at the hip, stylish club Amity.

The next day was the big event which was held at the Casino de Monte-Carlo. In the morning we had a press conference with the two main sponsors, Rudy Ruyter and Michael Langer Ruyter.

Upon arrival at the event in the evening, we were asked to walk down the red carpet, which was very interesting. The champagne does! There was a champagne reception prior to the concert taking place, featuring fashion legends with popular musicians. Some of the paintings were by Victor and Giorgio Armani, Emilio and Stefano Zamboni and Roberto Cavalli. See Ryan and Oliver in fashion, Michelle and Tommy Hilfiger, Craig David and Calvin Klein, Kim and Alexander McQueen, The Black and Prada, Anne Hathaway, and Viktor and Rolf. Plus there was more.

by Arvin S.D.



